MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(6)

TO:

Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

April 13, 2004

FROM:

Robert A. Ginsburg

County Attorney

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SUBJECT:

Resolution relating to the

preservation, restoration and and recognition of historically

black cemeteries

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Commissioner Sally A Heyman, Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Senator Javier D. Souto.

Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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Plea	se note any items checked.
	"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
	Budget required
	Statement of fiscal impact required
	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
	Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
	No committee review

Approved	<u>Mayor</u>	Agenda Iten	n No. 10(A)(6)
Veto		4-13-04	
Override			
	RESOLUTION NO.		

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND RECOGNITION OF HISTORICALLY BLACK CEMETERIES

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a number of historically-black cemeteries located throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, these cemeteries are the final resting places of many of Florida's earliest black pioneers; and

WHEREAS, these cemeteries are an important part of the State of Florida's history; and

WHEREAS, despite their historical significance, some of these cemeteries have fallen into disrepair over the years; and

WHEREAS, one such cemetery is the Silvergreen Cemetery, located west of U.S. 1 in South Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Silvergreen Cemetery dates back to 1905 and was for many years the only black cemetery in the area; and

WHEREAS, many of Miami-Dade County's early black pioneers are buried in the Silvergreen Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, cemeteries in the State of Florida are regulated by Chapter 497, Florida Statutes, and by the Florida Department of Financial Services, which is headed by the state's Chief Financial Officer; and

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WHEREAS, historic preservation in the State of Florida is overseen by the Secretary of State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board urges the Florida Legislature, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Secretary of State to support the preservation, restoration and recognition of historically black cemeteries in the State of Florida, such as Silvergreen Cemetery, located west of U.S. 1 in South Miami-Dade County, where many of Miami-Dade County's early black pioneers are buried.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Secretary of State, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss,

Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Commissioner Katy Sorenson, and Senator Javier D. Souto and

offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was
seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote
was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson

Bruno A. Barreiro
Betty T. Ferguson
Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jimmy L. Morales
Dorrin D. Rolle
Rebeca Sosa

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 13th day of April, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Ву:	
Deputy Clerk	

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.



Jess M. McCarty